

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD JUNE 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Elaine and Melissa called the meeting to order. 18 members were present plus guest Tina (a friend of Melissa's).

Elaine thanked Jane for her year of service as President. Jane led a very successful move to a new meeting location which helped revitalize the Guild. Jane has transitioned building liaison to Elaine and Melissa.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our balance decreased below the minimum, and MKG was charged \$14. As a hobby club at WFB, MKG must have both savings and checking accounts with a monthly transfer between them. The total current balance is \$278.75, plus there is \$100 held by Town Center as a security deposit for the meeting room. Rent is paid through the end of the year, and Fair awards have been paid. If MKG wants to reserve the meeting room for 2017, rent will be due in September. MKG previously consulted an attorney and found it would not qualify as a 501(c) (3). Because MKG only writes a few checks each year, going bank-less and cash only was discussed as an option. Dana will look into a credit union account to see if better terms are available.

OLD BUSINESS

Elaine will get the MKG nametags and banner from Leona. Elaine reminded us all to carry MKG business cards to hand out if asked about our knitting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma is offering free drop-in knitting help Monday 5-6 PM, and Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 AM-noon.

Once Around in Mill Valley has a free drop-in knit night Thursdays 6-8 PM.

A former member (Christine Joly) no longer knits and donated yarn to MKG. Guest Tina also brought yarn from her destash for adoption.

In addition, Christine Joly donated an unblocked shawl for adoption. Nazee offered to block it to raffle it off at the next meeting with the money going towards our treasury. Arlene will bring tickets. Bring your wallets and be ready to win a wonderful shawl.

Today is worldwide Knit in Public day. Some members will KIP after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Program Committee met to set the next year's schedule, now on the MKG website under Programs at <http://www.marinknittersguild.org/>.

Amy is actively maintaining the Facebook page and will post items members send her. She is always looking for new knitting content. Melissa will ask Amy to post before each monthly meeting. Elaine suggests posting about MKG in each of our Next Door neighborhoods to potentially increase membership.

Sonoma will have a yarn crawl July 22-23. Muench Yarns, Knitterly, Yarnitude, Purls of Joy, and CastAway will have snacks and special sales. Pay \$5 at one of the shops; then, get a goodie-bag as well as a passport to stamp at each shop for a raffle entry.



MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

Today, June 10, 2017 is the final drop-off day for entries. Seven attendees entered items. Elaine and Melissa with Chris Day on June 28th to walk through the knitting to check that items are displayed right side out, etc.

CHARITY REPORTS

Diane demonstrated mattress stitch and members started joining strips. Each join takes about 1 ½ hours. Work will continue over several months. There are still a few unfinished strips out there – please get them in.

ALPACA RANCH VISIT - FIELD TRIP REPORT

Several members attended and commented that it was a great tour with lots of personal attention from the owner and the chance to meet friendly alpacas at the Alpacas of Marin in Nicasio. There will be pictures posted to the website. Elaine will send a thank you note on behalf of the Guild.

There was an unfortunate carpool miscommunication when one member became too ill to go. For future MKG field trips, there should be one main contact person and confirmation via phone tree the night before for last minute changes.

SHOW & TELL

Jane wore her gray cardigan with reversible cables.

Barbara finished a bobble hat and a medieval hat for a reenactor friend's child.

Geri is making a Hitchhiker shawlette.

Carita is making Pussy Hats and selling them for \$20 each. She wore an orange rescued cable sweater.

Dana got a skein of alpaca from the field trip. Last fall she got alpaca from Rosie and started an old shale scarf.

Sue started knitting a hat from alpaca from the ranch.

Jennifer finished a cowl from Caron yarn.

Lois is knitting a ZickZack scarf and is making a cable pullover. She wore a multicolored striped cardigan.

Nazee recently published 2 shawls in ILikeKnitting.com and ILikeCrochet.com. She finished a sweater design for KnitPicks using their new Paragon yarn and buttons.

Elaine is knitting a charity baby blanket.

Melissa is knitting a sock.

Marilyn is knitting a man's tie by request from her son.

Katheryn is knitting a gradient shawl. She finished a long mohair cowl inspired by Judy. She finished a cabled cardigan using the Jess pattern.

Martha wore her recently finished Sylvatica short-sleeved top. She is knitting a rainbow blanket for her grandson.

Arlene knit kids' hats for craft fairs.

Joan wore her Wombat shawl.

Diane made hats for craft fairs. She also rescued donated pieces of sweaters and assembled them into an Aran cardigan.

Tina started a sweater.

Gail showed a sock she was knitting.

Christine had a wingspan shawl

For July, bring in your Fair entries and blanket strips. Nazee will lead a discussion for members to decide on the next group project.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Korenaga





Arlene – Kid's Hats



Barbara – Bobble and Medieval Hats



Gail - Sock



Nazee – Published Knit Shawl pattern



Martha – Sylvatica top



Kathrine – Mohair Cowl



Christine – Shawl



Nazee – Published Crochet Shawl pattern



2017-18 OFFICERS

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Volunteers

Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2017-2018 *Newsletters* to Radhika Sitaraman. She will publish information on websites, podcasts or blogs on knitting or other related crafts.

MEMBERSHIP: The only requirement for joining our Guild is an interest in knitting and crocheting. New and experienced crafters are equally welcome.

RAVELRY GROUP: Marin Knitters Guild has a group on Ravelry. You can join us by going to our website www.marinknittersguild.org or join directly from Ravelry by searching for "Marin" in the group section.

PHOTOS: Members may access additional Guild photos on our website www.marinknittersguild.org.



ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The Marin Knitters' Guild was formed in 1987 as the local chapter of The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA) to promote craft and workmanship of knitting. Today we are an independent organization of over 25 enthusiastic knitters, crocheters and other crafters. While our name states Marin Knitters' Guild, today our membership hails from the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma as well as Marin.

Knitters with all levels of experience are welcome to participate. We encourage beginners to join and learn from the experienced. The Guild draws on talent and expertise of its membership and the knitting and fiber-arts community at large for programs and workshops.

Visitors are welcome to all Marin Knitters' Guild meetings. We ask that you join us with your paid membership on your second meeting, so that we may continue to support our programs. Dues are \$30 annually, payable at the September meeting, and include a monthly newsletter containing the previous meeting's minutes.

We have mini-workshops in most meetings offered by experienced guild members or local knitting teachers. In addition, we work for charitable causes, group projects and go on fun field trips. From time to time, we invite National teachers to have workshops for us. These workshops allow for a more intensive study of design or technique.

We meet at every Second Saturday at Corte Madera Town Center, 770 Tamalpais Drive, Room 201 (Community Room).